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FABRIC WITH ODOR RECEIVING LAYER

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:

The present invention relates to tufted and needle-punched fabrics, and, more particularly, to tufted and needle-punched fabrics having odor-receiving capabilities.

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Conventional tufted and needle-punched floor coverings are desirable for use in a variety of facilities because of the inherent sound deadening features of these floor coverings, as well as the attractive appearance and ease of maintenance for such floor coverings. However, tufted and needle-punched floor coverings, both residential and commercial, act as receptacles for odors. In addition to odors from normal dust and dirt, these floor coverings are highly susceptible to acquiring odors emitted from humans and pets, as well as odors acquired from spills, smoke, mold and mildew.

Although cleaning products exist to combat these malodors in floor coverings, these products are typically only effective at masking or removing odors already present in the floor coverings, and are not effective at preventing the odors. Further, these products are typically applied to the surface of the floor coverings so that odor that has seeped below the surface of the floor covering is difficult for the cleaning products to address.

Accordingly, there exists a need for an improved odor-receiving fabric that can be incorporated into floor coverings.